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This is the third in a series of letters addressing President Obama's unlawful executive actions. I want to be completely clear; **I stand firmly against President Obama's executive amnesty plan and will continue working diligently to ensure it is reversed.** Immigration reform must be achieved through the constitutional law making process, which requires Congress – not the president – to write the law.

I have voted every time to end the President's executive fiats to halt deportations. The Rule of Law must be upheld and it is my belief that the President is violating his presidential duties and oath of office.

The fight to stop the President must be conducted strategically. The President purposefully tied his executive action to an agency that is entirely funded through the collection of user fees subject to permanent, not annual, appropriation. This means that the only way to reverse his actions would be to pass legislation through both the House and the Senate. If said legislation were able to pass both chambers, an unlikely event this year given current Democrat control of the Senate, it would then be presented to the President for signature.

I believe that we increase our leverage, and ability to gain concessions from the President, by strategically choosing to confront him on this issue when Republicans gain majority control of the Senate. I am particularly supportive of an initiative by Congressman Mulvaney to block federal funds from being used to carry out the president's executive action, and have committed to bringing it before the Rules Committee as early as January when Republicans have control of both Chambers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Sessions". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress